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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under the present financial conditions, that question cannot be taken up now."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the fact that less number of scholarships are granted in Rayalaseema, will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the number of scholarships for Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Within the provision made, some consideration is shown to the backward areas including Rayalaseema."

SRI M. P. PERIASAMI :—" Is it a fact that in spite of numerous representations to the Government, a number of hostels newly started have not yet been given the grants for the year 1951–52? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Within the limited allotment, a fair distribution is made to applicants."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Is any portion of this allotment utilized for granting scholarships to Christians? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Some Christians are included in the eligible communities."

Tenders for the supply of Diesel oil engines.

*358 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 2-10 p.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Joint Director of Agriculture called for tenders for the supply of diesel oil engines;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from Messrs. Modern Engineering Company, Madras, alleging that though all the tenders were opened, the tendered rates were not disclosed to the tenderers by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madras;

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter; and

(*d*) what is the general practice followed in calling for and accepting tenders for the supply of diesel oil engines?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) Yes. The Government found that there was no case to interfere in the matter as the Joint Director of Agriculture had followed correctly the normal practice and they have replied to that effect to the firm.

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" (*d*) The practice that is generally followed in calling for and accepting tenders for the supply of diesel oil engine and other machinery is explained below :—

The tender notice with details of requirements of machinery and the last date and hour up to which the tenders will be received in the office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madras, is published in the Press. The tender form and schedule of contract are supplied to the intending tenderers on payment of the prescribed charges. The tenders in sealed covers are received either by post or by local delivery up to the last date and hour fixed.

The tenders are opened by the Joint Director of Agriculture in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives on the date and time specified in the tender notice, and the rates quoted by each tenderer are usually read out to them. If there are a large number of items which would take some hours to dictate, the representatives are asked if they would like to have them all tabulated and listed for their ready reference on a comparative basis. On their concurrence, this is done. Later the tenders are tabulated according to the horse power rotations per minute, etc., and the quotations and the final selection of tenders is made in consultation with the State Agricultural Machinery Advisory Committee."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, following the practice adopted by the Government of Mysore in accepting these tenders, will not this Government consider the desirability of giving the option to the ryots to purchase whatever kind of engines they want, prescribing however certain kinds of engines instead of only one? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir, the Mysore people have followed our example, Sir."

Enforcement of orders under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act.

* 359 *Q.*—SRI T. NAGI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long have the orders under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act been enforced in Madras City;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the orders under Section 41 have been extended from time to time in Madras City for the past one year; and

(*c*) in what other areas is this section 41 or its counterpart being enforced in our State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) An order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act made on 5th April 1948 by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, has been kept in force in Madras City by short extensions from time to time and for adequate reasons."